

At Home Weekly is designed for you to use during the week with your child, so you can help them prepare for this week's lesson by exploring the theme (or Ponder Point) and spending time together in God's Word.

WHAT WE LEARNED LAST WEEK

PONDER POINT: GOD REDEEMS

Nehemiah

Nehemiah 1—4; 6—9

Nehemiah returned to Jerusalem to build a wall around the city.

WHERE WE'RE HEADED THIS WEEK

PONDER POINT: GOD WANTS A RELATIONSHIP WITH US

The repeating cycle of the 4 R's: Relationship, Rest, Rebellion, Repentance

DID YOU KNOW?

Share these facts to get the conversation started.

- From before the beginning of time, God has wanted to have a Relationship with each one of us, and a relationship with a community of people, and the whole world. And He wants to bless us with His goodness and give us Rest.
- Because God knows everything, He also knows that no matter how many times He draws us back into a loving relationship with Him, we often sooner or later turn away in Rebellion from being obedient to God and worshipping Him.
- Eventually we realize how much we need Him, and Repent, asking for His forgiveness, and we are restored back into a Relationship with Him.
- Then we enjoy all His goodness to us, and Rest in that Relationship with Him until we wander away in Rebellion.
- The cycle goes on and on and on and on....

CONNECT AS A FAMILY

One evening gather as a family and talk about how this repeating cycle happens. Choose an example from The Big God Story, or an example from your own lives, or make one up. Then, take turns acting them out, or act it out together. Similar to the Fortunately, Unfortunately, Fortunately, Unfortunately pattern.

- What would you like to say to God for His never-ending unstoppable love and forgiveness to you?

These conversations can easily extend into the rest of the week. Look for opportunities to talk about God's ever-forgiving love in your everyday life as a family.

BLESSING

Blessings are often used in the Bible. A blessing can be a prayer of commission, a portion of Scripture, or words to encourage and guide.

A blessing to pray over your child:

(Child's name), **may you know that God loves you no matter how many times you stray away from Him, and He will always forgive you because God wants a relationship with you.**

For more information about blessing your child, go to truministry.com to the Parenting tab. And for more creative ideas on spiritually leading your family, visit HomeFrontMag.com.